



# The Labor Market Report

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## ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index— Third Quarter 2003

### Special Points of Interest:

- The ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index for the Third Quarter 2003.
- Tennessee Historical Civilian Labor Force Series, 1972 to Current
- County Unemployment Rates
- Civilian Labor Force Summary
- State Unemployment Insurance Activities

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The American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association (ACCRA), founded in 1961, is a nonprofit professional organization comprised of research staff of chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, and related organizations in participating urban areas throughout the United States and Canada. ACCRA developed the ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index in 1968 to meet the need for a measure of living cost differentials among urban areas.

The index measures the relative price levels for consumer goods and services in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas whose chambers of commerce have agreed to participate in the survey. The average of all participating cities equals 100.0, and each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places.

Taxes, both state and local, are an integral part of the cost-of-living and vary widely between state and metro areas. Due to the multiplicity of

state and local taxes, taxing jurisdictions, and assessment procedures, the ACCRA felt it was not feasible to measure taxes levied on real and intangible property, retail sales, and income.

The index does not measure inflation (price change over time) because each quarterly report is a separate snapshot of prices at a single point in time. The number and mix of the chambers of commerce that participate may change from one quarter to the next. Index data from different quarters cannot be compared.

While items seem self-descriptive for most categories, the miscellaneous goods and services need to be enumerated due to the vagueness of the heading and the weight carried (33 percent). This category includes men's clothes and underwear, fast food items, health and beauty items, dry cleaning, major appliance repair, newspapers, entertainment, and alcoholic beverages.

Since last year the weighting system of the cost-of-living index changed. Gro-

cery items declined by two percent, and health care declined by one percent. Housing increased by one percent, and utilities increased by 2 percent.

The highest and lowest costs in the country by group are as follows: Grocery Items: Honolulu, HI (151.7) and Seguin, TX (76.8); Housing: New York (Manhattan) (416.6) and Cedar City, UT (67.6); Utilities: Boston, MA (154.1) and Wenatchee, WA (58.6); Transportation: Kodiak, AK (129.4) and Douglas, GA (77.7); Health Care: Middlesex, NJ (184.7) and Minot, ND (63.0); and Miscellaneous Goods and Services: New York (Manhattan) (134.9) and Paris, TX (86.0).

For more information on subscribing to this cost-of-living index or joining the ACCRA please contact your local chamber of commerce. You may contact the ACCRA directly at 703-522-4980 (phone), 703-533-4985 (fax), or visit their Website at [www.accra.org](http://www.accra.org).

# LMI Products and Reliability

(Average = 100.0)	Composite Index	Grocery Items	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health Care	Misc. Gds & Services
Index Weights	100%	14%	29%	10%	10%	4%	33%
<b>Tennessee Cities, Selected Large and Regional Cities, Most and Least Expensive Cities</b>							
New York (Manhattan), NY	219.1	137.7	416.6	152.1	123.6	174.5	134.9
Jersey City, NJ	181.2	118.4	331.2	126.5	113.8	164.6	115.0
San Francisco, CA	181.0	130.3	324.2	111.2	128.4	148.5	117.6
Honolulu, HI	154.4	151.7	220.0	146.9	129.3	122.4	111.7
Stamford, CT	150.1	114.9	229.5	121.5	113.7	138.6	116.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	147.4	119.1	223.3	141.0	117.0	111.6	108.3
Oakland, CA	140.2	126.8	199.4	110.1	120.5	148.0	107.9
San Diego, CA	138.0	121.6	203.2	87.8	124.0	125.7	108.6
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA	137.7	107.4	197.9	113.8	119.2	126.8	111.8
Boston, MA	135.0	119.7	175.7	154.1	110.6	107.8	110.5
Orange County, CA	131.7	110.5	197.5	99.7	105.4	118.8	102.2
Chicago, IL	131.1	118.2	172.7	113.6	117.6	138.5	108.4
Philadelphia, PA	120.4	114.8	128.5	127.0	104.0	122.9	118.2
Denver, CO	105.2	113.0	109.0	94.9	103.3	118.8	100.6
St. Louis, MO-IL	103.8	116.6	100.6	92.4	101.4	98.9	106.0
Detroit, MI	100.3	103.1	92.6	106.7	106.2	117.3	100.4
Richmond, VA	100.3	108.1	93.5	102.8	98.4	83.6	104.7
New Orleans, LA	98.5	92.3	96.1	109.0	103.6	90.2	99.4
Charleston-N. Charleston, SC	97.4	97.4	90.4	104.1	95.5	103.6	101.4
Atlanta, GA	96.9	98.9	92.3	91.1	101.7	103.7	99.7
Charlotte, NC	96.3	96.1	90.5	93.4	98.0	102.7	101.0
Dallas, TX	96.0	97.0	90.1	89.4	101.0	103.8	100.4
Tampa, FL	95.2	94.5	95.2	95.5	93.6	100.4	95.2
Cincinnati, OH	95.2	95.2	84.8	119.6	96.3	99.4	96.0
Baltimore, MD	94.0	91.8	87.1	98.2	96.1	89.7	99.7
Jackson, MS	93.9	88.5	88.8	102.2	94.7	82.0	99.4
Indianapolis/Marion County, IN	92.4	94.4	85.3	93.8	94.2	93.0	96.7
<b>Chattanooga, TN</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>107.5</b>	<b>95.4</b>
Louisville, KY	91.3	85.8	83.7	95.0	103.8	81.3	96.8
<b>Cleveland, TN</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>93.6</b>
<b>Dyersburg, TN</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>79.9</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>111.3</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>98.1</b>
<b>Murfreesboro-Smyrna, TN</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>99.2</b>
Houston, TX	90.9	84.9	78.6	99.0	103.7	102.9	96.5
<b>Johnson City, TN</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>85.4</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>96.9</b>
<b>Knoxville, TN</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>96.9</b>
<b>Memphis, TN</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>97.5</b>
<b>Morristown, TN</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>99.1</b>
<b>Kingsport, TN</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>92.3</b>
<b>Jackson/Madison County, TN</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>91.7</b>
McAllen, TX	87.0	85.2	78.4	82.0	88.3	108.9	93.7
Joplin, MO	86.7	91.0	81.0	84.9	82.5	92.9	91.0
Laredo, TX	86.3	84.4	84.8	79.5	96.8	94.7	86.4
Jonesboro, AR	86.0	88.7	73.7	93.1	88.9	81.3	93.2
Fort Smith, AR	85.0	87.7	68.2	97.0	85.9	89.0	94.3
Seguin, TX	84.3	76.8	76.8	93.6	89.9	84.5	89.6

**How to Use the ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index:** Assume that City A Has a composite index of 98.3 and City B has a composite index of 128.5. If you live in City A and are contemplating a job offer in City B, how much of an increase in your after-tax income is needed to maintain your current lifestyle?  $100 \times \frac{(128.5 - 98.3)}{98.3} = 100 \times (.3072) = 30.72\%$ , or about a 31% increase. Conversely, if you are considering a move from City B to City A, how much of a cut in after-tax income can you sustain without reducing your present lifestyle?  $100 \times \frac{(98.3 - 128.5)}{128.5} = 100 \times (-.235) = -23.5\%$ , or about a 24% reduction.

# Statewide

## HISTORICAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY\*\*

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS)

(ALL DATA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Year and Month	Civilian Labor Force							Unemployed Number	Rate (%)
	Total	Employment	Employed						
			Total	Manufacturing	Trade	Services			
1973	1,766.0	1,696.0	1,531.1	519.4	312.0	221.9	69.0	3.9 %	
1974	1,841.0	1,748.0	1,558.2	513.3	321.0	227.6	93.0	5.1	
1975	1,836.0	1,683.0	1,505.7	459.0	320.8	229.4	154.0	8.3	
1976	1,866.0	1,754.0	1,575.4	486.1	339.5	240.5	112.0	6.0	
1977	1,941.0	1,819.0	1,648.1	507.5	357.2	254.5	122.0	6.3	
1978	1,966.0	1,852.0	1,737.0	526.0	379.1	270.7	114.0	5.8	
1979	2,039.0	1,921.0	1,777.3	524.7	388.7	285.4	118.0	5.8	
1980	2,080.0	1,928.0	1,746.6	502.1	379.7	291.0	152.0	7.3	
1981	2,116.0	1,924.0	1,775.4	506.9	379.9	304.4	192.0	9.1	
1982	2,129.0	1,877.0	1,703.0	466.7	380.5	313.1	252.0	11.8	
1983	2,180.0	1,930.0	1,719.0	468.6	389.9	323.4	250.0	11.5	
1984	2,220.0	2,030.0	1,812.0	497.1	413.3	344.3	190.0	8.6	
1985	2,253.0	2,073.0	1,867.8	492.4	435.3	360.2	180.0	8.0	
1986	2,290.0	2,106.0	1,929.8	490.5	452.1	384.7	184.0	8.0	
1987	2,334.0	2,180.0	2,011.6	497.4	477.2	408.9	154.0	6.6	
1988	2,338.0	2,203.0	2,092.1	511.9	495.6	440.3	135.0	5.8	
1989	2,368.0	2,247.0	2,167.2	524.5	508.4	467.2	121.0	5.1	
1990	2,387.3	2,261.5	2,193.2	520.3	517.2	486.3	125.9	5.3	
1991	2,421.0	2,258.1	2,183.6	502.7	511.6	505.2	162.9	6.7	
1992	2,455.5	2,297.8	2,245.0	514.5	517.7	541.1	157.7	6.4	
1993	2,500.5	2,356.7	2,328.5	528.4	535.9	572.4	143.8	5.7	
1994	2,664.6	2,537.1	2,423.0	538.9	562.1	603.8	127.5	4.8	
1995	2,700.8	2,560.6	2,499.0	538.9	585.5	638.0	140.1	5.2	
1996	2,744.1	2,602.7	2,533.4	519.2	594.4	658.7	141.4	5.2	
1997	2,707.8	2,561.7	2,584.0	517.6	610.2	682.4	146.1	5.4	
1998	2,759.5	2,643.8	2,638.5	514.7	620.5	703.4	115.7	4.2	
1999	2,818.8	2,705.3	2,685.4	511.1	630.8	721.9	113.5	4.0	
2000	2,798.4	2,688.2	2,728.9	506.8	641.8	742.8	110.2	3.9	
2001	2,817.7	2,691.7	2,711.5	478.5	638.5	754.9	126.0	4.5	
2002	2,926.3	2,776.4	2,666.2	NA	NA	NA	149.9	5.1	
2003									
January	2,886.3	2,751.2	2,657.5	NA	NA	NA	135.1	4.7 %	
February	2,893.7	2,756.1	2,663.9	NA	NA	NA	137.6	4.8	
March	2,891.1	2,752.5	2,668.4	NA	NA	NA	138.6	4.8	
April	2,899.7	2,754.0	2,672.2	NA	NA	NA	145.7	5.0	
May	2,906.8	2,756.6	2,671.4	NA	NA	NA	150.2	5.2	
June	2,910.7	2,755.2	2,677.3	NA	NA	NA	155.5	5.3	
July	2,902.7	2,756.2	2,672.9	NA	NA	NA	146.5	5.0	
August	2,897.8	2,751.4	2,678.3	NA	NA	NA	146.4	5.1	
September	2,905.3	2,749.3	2,675.3	NA	NA	NA	156.0	5.4	
October	2,910.6	2,748.6	2,670.7	NA	NA	NA	162.0	5.6	
November (r)	2,911.2	2,743.6	2,673.2	NA	NA	NA	167.6	5.8	
December (p)	2,908.7	2,743.8	2,667.9	NA	NA	NA	164.9	5.7	

(r)=revised

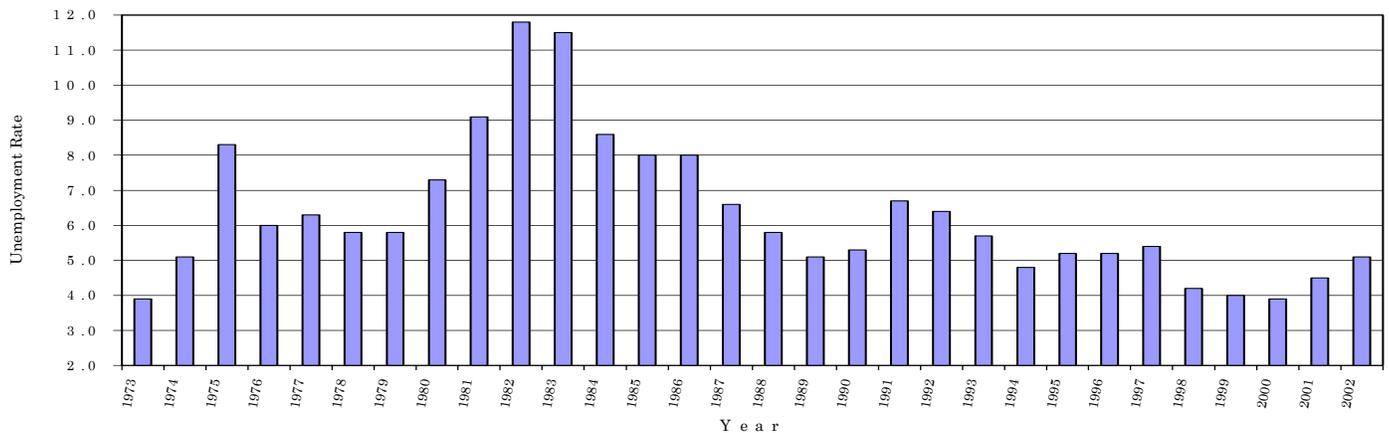
NA- Not available due to NAICS conversion

(p)=preliminary

County	Dec 2002	Dec 2003	County	Dec 2002	Dec 2003
	Anderson	4.1		3.9	Lauderdale
Bedford	5.8	6.4	Lawrence	9.7	8.4
Benton	6.1	9.4	Lewis	10.1	8.7
Bledsoe	4.9	9.4	Lincoln	3.9	4.9
Blount	3.2	3.6	Loudon	3.6	3.8
Bradley	4.0	5.1	Macon	7.3	7.8
Campbell	5.6	5.4	Madison	4.9	5.1
Cannon	5.0	4.6	Marion	5.2	5.5
Carroll	10.7	11.2	Marshall	7.6	10.9
Carter	5.2	5.5	Maury	4.7	5.2
Cheatham	3.3	4.3	McMinn	7.0	7.6
Chester	4.2	4.3	McNairy	7.1	7.1
Claiborne	3.8	3.9	Meigs	7.6	8.1
Clay	11.7	15.6	Monroe	7.2	6.8
Cocke	7.1	9.1	Montgomery	3.6	4.1
Coffee	3.9	5.0	Moore	1.7	2.9
Crockett	8.5	9.5	Morgan	9.0	9.5
Cumberland	4.8	6.5	Obion	5.6	7.4
Davidson	3.5	4.1	Overton	4.7	4.9
Decatur	9.0	8.4	Perry	5.9	5.3
DeKalb	4.3	4.5	Pickett	9.4	9.1
Dickson	3.9	4.5	Polk	6.8	6.0
Dyer	5.7	6.4	Putnam	4.1	4.1
Fayette	6.6	7.3	Rhea	5.2	6.7
Fentress	7.9	8.4	Roane	4.2	5.6
Franklin	3.5	4.6	Robertson	4.4	4.9
Gibson	8.4	9.5	Rutherford	3.4	3.7
Giles	7.9	7.2	Scott	10.3	7.9
Grainger	6.3	5.5	Sequatchie	4.7	5.1
Greene	5.4	7.2	Sevier	5.0	6.1
Grundy	6.1	5.8	Shelby	4.8	5.9
Hamblen	3.6	5.5	Smith	4.8	8.4
Hamilton	3.3	3.6	Stewart	6.8	8.2
Hancock	7.7	5.8	Sullivan	4.1	5.3
Hardeman	9.6	10.6	Sumner	3.7	4.2
Hardin	9.0	8.2	Tipton	5.5	7.0
Hawkins	4.4	5.7	Trousdale	7.8	9.7
Haywood	8.5	9.5	Unicoi	6.6	7.4
Henderson	7.6	6.8	Union	2.9	3.7
Henry	6.6	9.2	Van Buren	7.8	6.6
Hickman	5.7	6.3	Warren	5.7	5.4
Houston	7.8	9.3	Washington	3.9	4.6
Humphreys	6.1	7.9	Wayne	9.4	7.6
Jackson	6.7	7.2	Weakley	6.0	7.5
Jefferson	4.7	5.4	White	7.4	6.9
Johnson	8.5	8.4	Williamson	2.5	2.6
Knox	2.3	2.8	Wilson	3.4	4.5
Lake	5.7	6.5			

\*\*Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

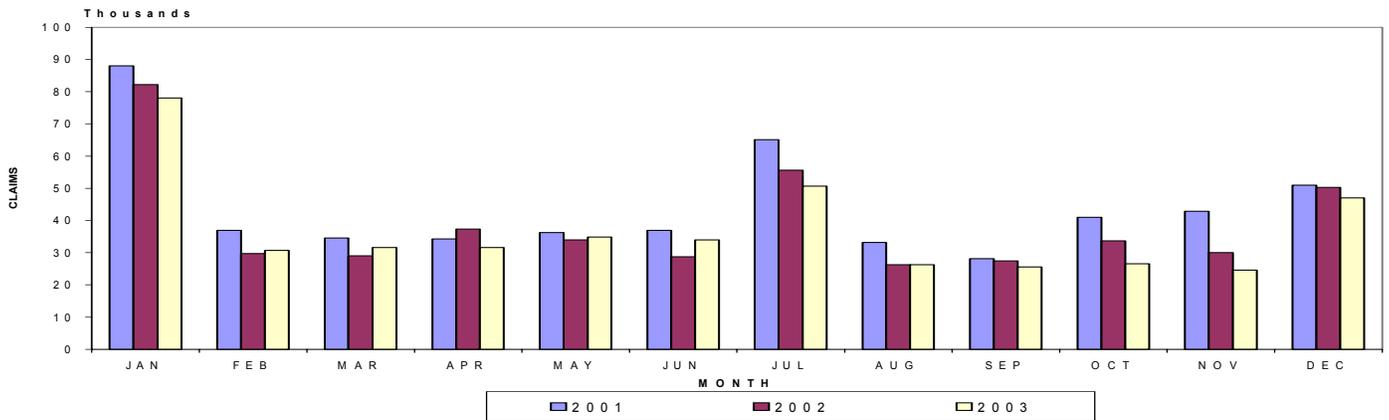
Unemployment Rates 1973 - 2002



# Statewide

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

### MONTHLY INITIAL CLAIMS



## BENEFIT PROGRAMS

### STATE BENEFIT PROGRAM

CLAIMS	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
Initial Claims	50,231	24,558	46,998
Continued Weeks Claimed	275,850	201,911	236,477
Nonmonetary Determinations	6,056	5,637	6,376
Appeals Decisions	1,926	1,864	2,126
Lower Authority	1,720	1,553	1,774
Higher Authority	206	311	352

### BENEFITS

Amount Paid	\$50,796,693	\$40,147,047	\$43,322,394
Benefit Weeks Paid	261,712	178,965	240,380
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	\$209	\$213	\$211
First Payments	18,776	10,652	16,217
Final Payments	6,852	5,522	7,512
Average Weeks Duration	14	14	14
Trust Fund Balance*	\$580,409,243	\$521,924,615	\$488,436,920

### FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
Benefits Paid	\$650,849	\$676,028	\$659,043
Benefit Weeks Claimed	2,467	2,416	2,782
Initial Claims	268	192	315
Continued Weeks Claimed	2,614	2,610	2,715
Appeals Decisions	11	10	4

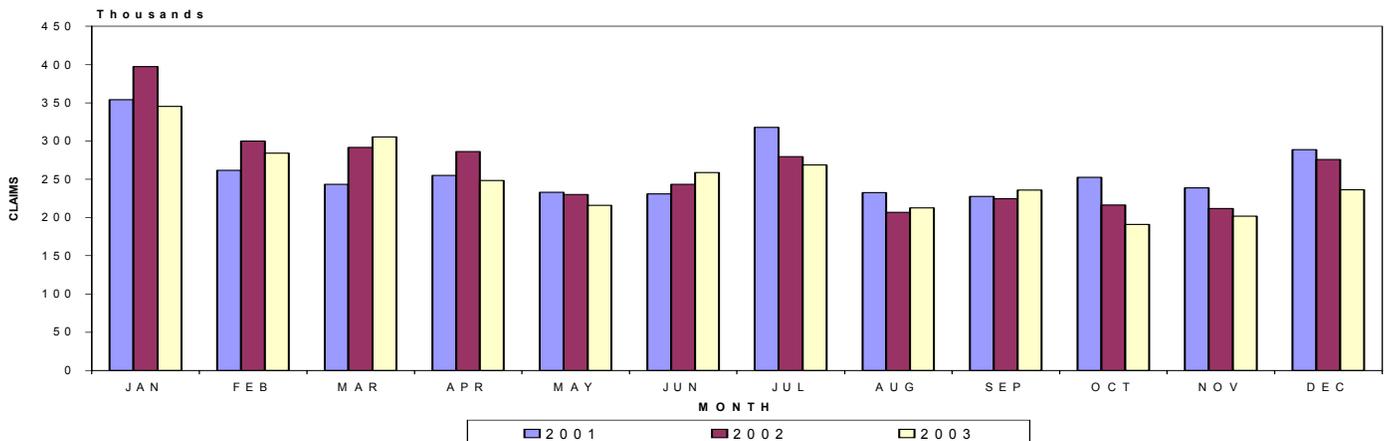
### FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL

Benefits Paid	\$377,759	\$414,673	\$450,603
Benefit Weeks Claimed	1,314	1,112	1,462
Initial Claims	87	109	160
Continued Weeks Claimed	1,373	1,253	1,395
Appeals Decisions	2	4	4

\*Trust Fund includes one time deposit in March 2002 of \$162 million of Reed Act funds.

## CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED

### MONTHLY CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED



# Statewide

## ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	Revised		Preliminary December 2003	Net Change	
	December 2002	November 2003		Dec. 2002 Dec. 2003	Nov. 2003 Dec. 2003
Total Nonfarm	2,686.4	2,694.6	<b>2,692.5</b>	6.1	-2.1
Total Private	2,269.5	2,274.3	<b>2,272.5</b>	3.0	-1.8
Goods-Producing	536.6	528.5	<b>525.0</b>	-11.6	-3.5
Natural Resources & Mining	4.4	4.2	<b>4.2</b>	-0.2	0.0
Construction	113.1	110.3	<b>108.5</b>	-4.6	-1.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	69.6	70.5	<b>69.7</b>	0.1	-0.8
Manufacturing	419.1	414.0	<b>412.3</b>	-6.8	-1.7
Durable Goods Manufacturing	255.4	250.5	<b>250.3</b>	-5.1	-0.2
Wood Product Manufacturing	17.5	17.2	<b>17.1</b>	-0.4	-0.1
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing	14.7	14.8	<b>14.8</b>	0.1	0.0
Primary Metal Manufacturing	12.1	11.9	<b>11.9</b>	-0.2	0.0
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	41.2	40.4	<b>40.2</b>	-1.0	-0.2
Machinery Manufacturing	34.7	32.5	<b>32.6</b>	-2.1	0.1
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	12.4	12.5	<b>12.5</b>	0.1	0.0
Electrical Equipment & Appliance Manufacturing	23.7	23.3	<b>23.3</b>	-0.4	0.0
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	61.4	60.7	<b>60.9</b>	-0.5	0.2
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	33.9	33.7	<b>33.6</b>	-0.3	-0.1
Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing	20.6	20.2	<b>20.0</b>	-0.6	-0.2
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	17.1	17.0	<b>17.0</b>	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	163.7	163.5	<b>162.0</b>	-1.7	-1.5
Food Manufacturing	36.3	36.3	<b>36.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2
Animal Slaughtering & Processing	11.3	10.9	<b>10.9</b>	-0.4	0.0
Bakeries & Tortilla Manufacturing	8.6	8.4	<b>8.4</b>	-0.2	0.0
Beverage & Tobacco Product Manufacturing	6.3	6.3	<b>6.3</b>	0.0	0.0
Textile Mills	7.4	7.0	<b>7.0</b>	-0.4	0.0
Textile Product Mills	3.6	3.7	<b>3.8</b>	0.2	0.1
Apparel Manufacturing	9.9	9.8	<b>9.7</b>	-0.2	-0.1
Paper Manufacturing	19.3	19.1	<b>18.5</b>	-0.8	-0.6
Printing & Related Support Activities	20.3	20.7	<b>20.2</b>	-0.1	-0.5
Chemical Manufacturing	28.2	28.2	<b>28.2</b>	0.0	0.0
Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing	29.6	29.1	<b>29.2</b>	-0.4	0.1
Plastics Product Manufacturing	15.0	14.9	<b>14.9</b>	-0.1	0.0
Rubber Product Manufacturing	14.6	14.2	<b>14.3</b>	-0.3	0.1
Service-Providing	2,149.8	2,166.1	<b>2,167.5</b>	17.7	1.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	588.4	585.2	<b>587.9</b>	-0.5	2.7
Wholesale Trade	127.2	128.6	<b>128.3</b>	1.1	-0.3
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	64.0	63.8	<b>63.9</b>	-0.1	0.1
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	47.3	47.7	<b>47.3</b>	0.0	-0.4
Retail Trade	322.8	322.0	<b>325.3</b>	2.5	3.3
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	40.5	40.5	<b>40.4</b>	-0.1	-0.1
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	9.3	9.3	<b>9.3</b>	0.0	0.0
Building Material, Garden Equipment, & Supplies	24.1	24.5	<b>24.4</b>	0.3	-0.1
Food & Beverage Stores	48.9	47.6	<b>48.1</b>	-0.8	0.5
Health & Personal Care Stores	19.4	19.4	<b>19.7</b>	0.3	0.3
Gasoline Stations	24.4	23.4	<b>23.3</b>	-1.1	-0.1
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	30.9	30.3	<b>31.1</b>	0.2	0.8
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, & Music Stores	14.2	13.6	<b>14.4</b>	0.2	0.8
General Merchandise Stores	76.1	75.3	<b>76.3</b>	0.2	1.0
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	20.3	20.4	<b>20.7</b>	0.4	0.3
Nonstore Retailers	10.1	9.7	<b>9.8</b>	-0.3	0.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	138.4	134.6	<b>134.3</b>	-4.1	-0.3
Utilities	3.6	3.5	<b>3.5</b>	-0.1	0.0
Transportation & Warehousing	134.8	131.1	<b>130.8</b>	-4.0	-0.3
Truck Transportation	60.6	57.8	<b>57.8</b>	-2.8	0.0
Information	53.4	52.1	<b>52.2</b>	-1.2	0.1
Publishing Industries (except internet)	16.0	15.9	<b>16.0</b>	0.0	0.1
Telecommunications	17.4	16.8	<b>16.8</b>	-0.6	0.0
Financial Activities	138.0	138.3	<b>138.5</b>	0.5	0.2
Finance & Insurance	102.5	101.9	<b>102.0</b>	-0.5	0.1
Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing	35.5	36.4	<b>36.5</b>	1.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	313.0	315.4	<b>317.0</b>	4.0	1.6
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	96.6	95.1	<b>96.3</b>	-0.3	1.2
Management of Companies & Enterprises	23.5	23.3	<b>23.2</b>	-0.3	-0.1
Administrative, Support, & Waste Management	192.9	197.0	<b>197.5</b>	4.6	0.5
Educational & Health Services	304.6	313.6	<b>313.5</b>	8.9	-0.1
Educational Services	40.2	41.5	<b>41.4</b>	1.2	-0.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	264.4	272.1	<b>272.1</b>	7.7	0.0
Ambulatory Health Care Services	93.4	95.6	<b>95.6</b>	2.2	0.0
Hospitals	85.7	88.8	<b>88.8</b>	3.1	0.0
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	48.7	50.4	<b>50.3</b>	1.6	-0.1
Social Assistance	36.6	37.3	<b>37.4</b>	0.8	0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	234.5	239.2	<b>237.1</b>	2.6	-2.1
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	23.2	24.7	<b>23.5</b>	0.3	-1.2
Accommodation & Food Services	211.3	214.5	<b>213.6</b>	2.3	-0.9
Accommodation	32.0	31.9	<b>31.1</b>	-0.9	-0.8
Food Services & Drinking Places	179.3	182.6	<b>182.5</b>	3.2	-0.1
Other Services	101.0	102.0	<b>101.3</b>	0.3	-0.7
Repair & Maintenance	23.0	24.5	<b>23.9</b>	0.9	-0.6
Personal & Laundry Services	24.9	25.2	<b>25.3</b>	0.4	0.1
Government	416.9	420.3	<b>420.0</b>	3.1	-0.3
Federal Government	51.6	52.4	<b>52.4</b>	0.8	0.0
State & Local Government	365.3	367.9	<b>367.6</b>	2.3	-0.3
State Government	100.9	102.6	<b>101.5</b>	0.6	-1.1
State Government Educational Services	55.5	57.7	<b>56.8</b>	1.3	-0.9
Local Government	264.4	265.3	<b>266.1</b>	1.7	0.8
Local Government Educational Services	133.3	134.2	<b>133.8</b>	0.5	-0.4

## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

Industry	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
Manufacturing	\$523.49	\$537.85	\$532.12
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$520.58	\$538.33	\$531.90
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$564.61	\$593.20	\$585.46
Machinery Manufacturing	\$480.13	\$514.52	\$525.55
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$528.08	\$538.65	\$530.79
Food Manufacturing	\$576.20	\$547.52	\$573.19

### AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

Industry	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
Manufacturing	39.9	39.9	39.3
Durable Goods Manufacturing	39.2	39.7	39.4
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	40.1	40.0	39.8
Machinery Manufacturing	36.1	38.0	38.7
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	41.0	40.5	39.0
Food Manufacturing	43.0	41.7	41.9

### AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS

Industry	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
Manufacturing	\$13.12	\$13.48	\$13.54
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$13.28	\$13.56	\$13.50
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$14.08	\$14.83	\$14.71
Machinery Manufacturing	\$13.30	\$13.54	\$13.58
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$12.88	\$13.30	\$13.61
Food Manufacturing	\$13.40	\$13.13	\$13.68

## NONFARM EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR-FORCE IN TENNESSEE

Tennessee's seasonally adjusted estimated unemployment rate for December 2003 was 5.7 percent, down one-tenth of a percentage point from the November 2003 rate. This is the 36th consecutive month that the Tennessee seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was equal to or lower than the national rate.

The United States estimated unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in December 2003. In December 2002, the national unemployment rate was 6.0 percent, and the state unemployment rate was 4.9 percent.

Across Tennessee, the unemployment rate decreased in 78 counties and increased in 17 counties. The lowest rate occurred in Williamson County at 2.6 percent, down 0.3 percentage points from the previous month. The highest rate was Clay County's 15.6 percent, down from 15.8 percent in November 2003. (Continued on Page 6)

# CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	December 2002				Revised November 2003				Preliminary November 2003			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Rate
<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>												
U.S.	145,150,000	136,439,000	8,711,000	6.0	147,186,000	138,533,000	8,653,000	5.9	146,877,000	138,479,000	8,398,000	5.7
TENNESSEE	2,929,900	2,785,600	144,300	4.9	2,911,200	2,743,600	167,600	5.8	2,908,700	2,743,800	164,900	5.7
<b>Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>												
U.S.	144,808,000	136,599,000	8,209,000	5.7	146,969,000	138,700,000	8,269,000	5.6	146,501,000	138,556,000	7,945,000	5.4
TENNESSEE	2,913,600	2,782,900	130,700	4.5	2,937,500	2,770,500	167,000	5.7	2,894,000	2,743,900	150,100	5.2
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>												
CHATANOOGA	239,100	230,600	8,500	3.6	238,900	230,000	8,900	3.7	237,000	228,700	8,300	3.5
TRI-CITIES	230,800	220,400	10,400	4.5	233,200	220,300	12,900	5.5	231,000	218,600	12,400	5.4
KNOXVILLE	379,700	368,200	11,500	3.0	380,800	366,900	13,900	3.7	376,100	363,200	12,900	3.4
MEMPHIS	577,100	549,400	27,700	4.8	584,400	547,000	37,400	6.4	576,400	543,500	32,900	5.7
NASHVILLE	697,600	673,600	24,000	3.4	701,200	669,600	31,600	4.5	691,500	664,000	27,500	4.0

(Continued from Page 5) Total nonfarm employment increased by 6,100 jobs from December 2002 to December 2003.

During this period there were increases in health care/social assistance (up 7,700 jobs), which includes an increase of 3,100 jobs in hospitals, 2,200 jobs in ambulatory health care services, and 1,600 jobs in nursing/residential care facilities; administrative/support/waste management (up 4,600 jobs); food services/drinking places (up 3,200 jobs); retail trade (up 2,500 jobs); local government (up 1,700 jobs); and state

government educational services (up 1,300 jobs).

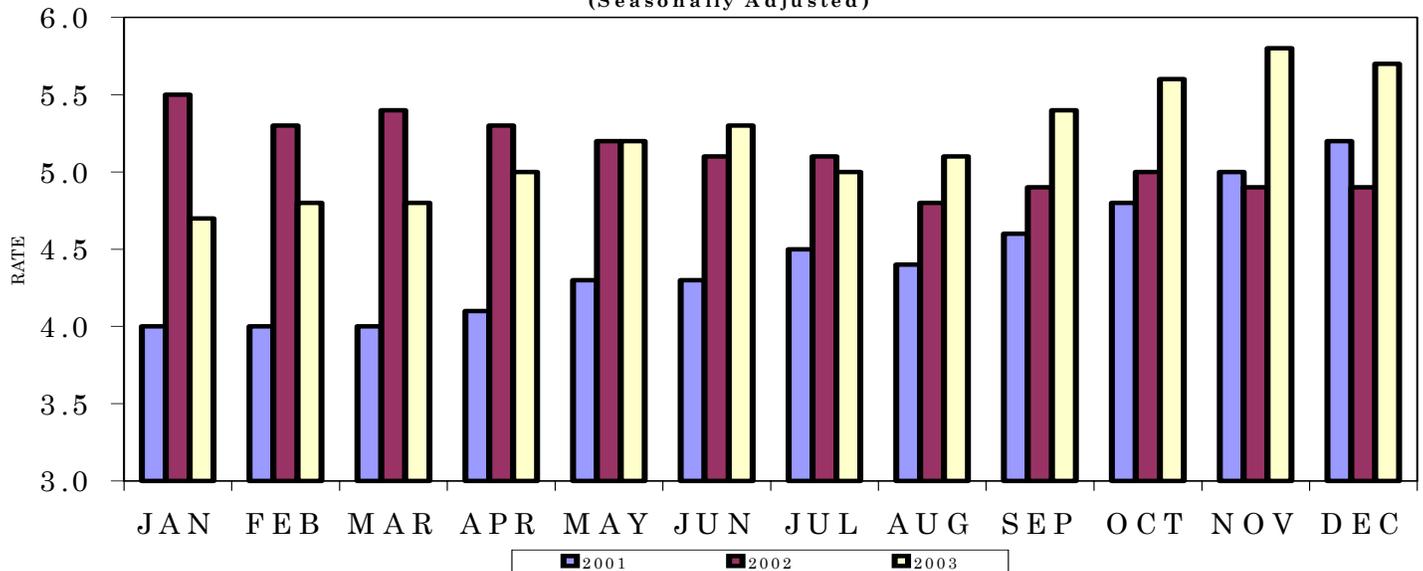
Over the year, the largest job decreases occurred in construction (down 4,600 jobs); transportation/warehousing (down 4,000 jobs), which includes a decline of 2,800 jobs in truck transportation; machinery manufacturing (down 2,100 jobs); information (down 1,200 jobs); and gasoline stations (down 1,100 jobs).

During the past month, nonfarm employment decreased by 2,100 jobs.

There were seasonal declines in leisure/hospitality (down 2,100 jobs), which includes a drop of 1,200 jobs in arts/entertainment/recreation; construction (down 1,800 jobs); and state government (down 1,100 jobs). This was partially offset by an increase in retail trade (up 3,300 jobs), which includes an increase of 1,000 jobs in general merchandise stores and professional/business services (up 1,600 jobs), which includes an increase of 1,200 jobs in professional/scientific/technical services.

## TENNESSEE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

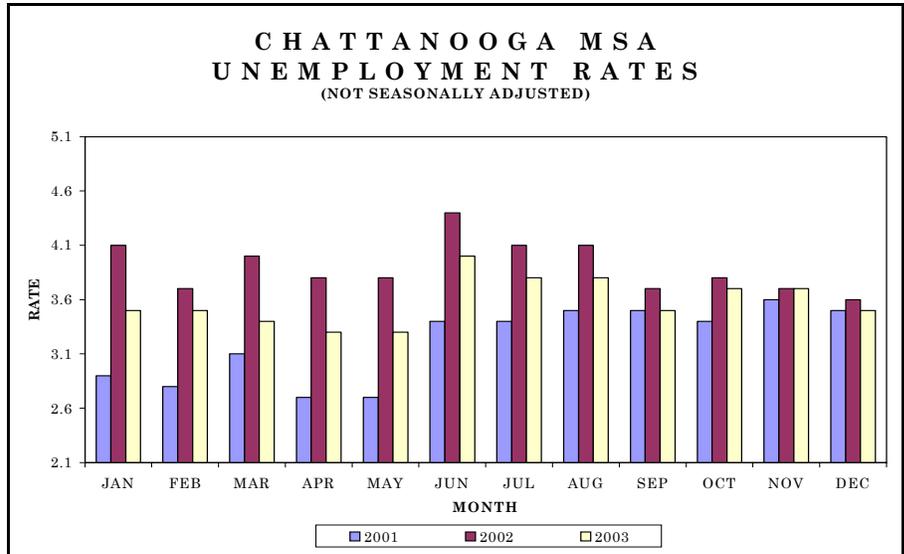
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The data from all the nonfarm employment estimates tables include all full- and part-time nonfarm wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded. These numbers may not add due to rounding. Data are based on the 2002 benchmark.

Total nonfarm employment remained unchanged from November to December. There were seasonal increases in retail trade (up 200 jobs) and administrative/support/waste management (up 200 jobs). This was partially offset by a decrease of 300 jobs in local government.

During the past 12 months nonfarm employment remained unchanged. During that time goods-producing jobs decreased by 1,400 while service-providing jobs increased by 1,400.



## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

## CHATTANOOGA MSA

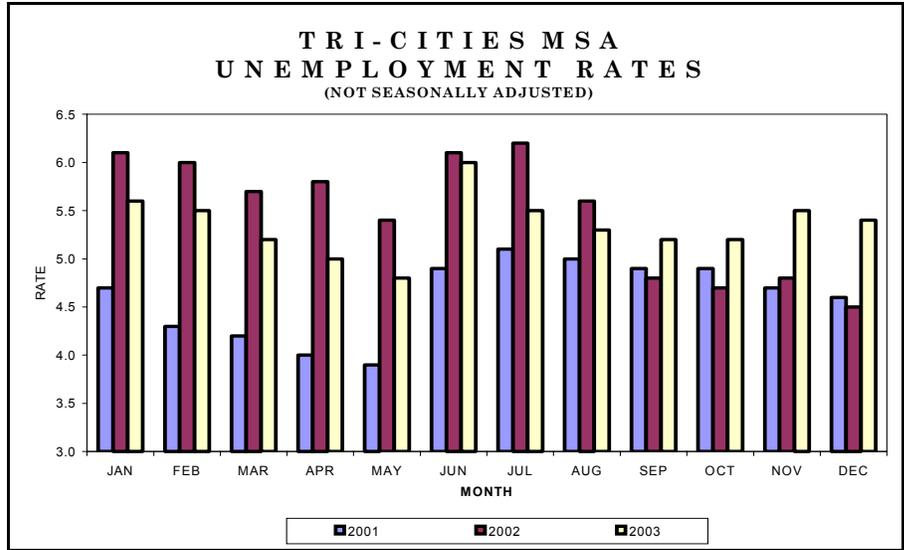
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
Manufacturing	\$544.84	\$548.78	\$569.57	42.8	40.5	40.8	\$12.73	\$13.55	\$13.96
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$567.22	\$560.60	\$578.93	40.4	39.9	40.4	\$14.04	\$14.05	\$14.33
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$528.36	\$521.64	\$550.44	44.4	42.0	41.7	\$11.90	\$12.42	\$13.20

## ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	December 2002	Revised November 2003	Preliminary December 2003	Net Change	
				Dec. 2002 - Dec. 2003	Nov. 2003 - Dec. 2003
Total Nonfarm	232.2	232.2	232.2	0.0	0.0
Total Private	196.7	196.0	196.2	-0.5	0.2
Goods-Producing	45.0	43.7	43.6	-1.4	-0.1
Natural Resources & Mining	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	8.5	8.2	8.2	-0.3	0.0
Manufacturing	36.2	35.2	35.2	-1.0	0.0
Durable Goods Manufacturing	15.3	15.2	15.2	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	20.9	20.0	20.0	-0.9	0.0
Food Manufacturing	7.0	6.8	6.8	-0.2	0.0
Textile Mills	5.7	5.2	5.2	-0.5	0.0
Service-Providing	187.2	188.5	188.6	1.4	0.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	55.9	55.6	55.8	-0.1	0.2
Wholesale Trade	8.3	8.0	8.1	-0.2	0.1
Retail Trade	27.4	27.3	27.5	0.1	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	6.4	6.3	6.4	0.0	0.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	20.2	20.3	20.2	0.0	-0.1
Information	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	18.1	18.2	18.2	0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	24.6	25.0	25.3	0.7	0.3
Administrative, Support, & Waste Management	13.3	13.5	13.7	0.4	0.2
Educational & Health Services	21.9	22.0	21.9	0.0	-0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	18.1	18.1	18.1	0.0	0.0
Accommodation & Food Services	16.1	16.1	16.1	0.0	0.0
Other Services	10.4	10.7	10.6	0.2	-0.1
Government	35.5	36.2	36.0	0.5	-0.2
Federal Government	7.2	7.3	7.4	0.2	0.1
State & Local Government	28.3	28.9	28.6	0.3	-0.3
State Government	6.5	6.6	6.6	0.1	0.0
Local Government	21.8	22.3	22.0	0.2	-0.3

Total nonfarm employment decreased by 100 jobs from November to December. There was a seasonal increase in retail trade (up 200 jobs).

During the past 12 months, nonfarm employment decreased by 700, with goods-producing jobs decreasing by 2,100 and service-providing jobs increasing by 1,400 jobs.



## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

## TRI-CITIES MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
	Manufacturing	\$514.41	\$539.00	\$540.42	39.0	39.2	40.3	\$13.19	\$13.75
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$489.75	\$538.62	\$532.07	37.5	38.5	38.5	\$13.06	\$13.99	\$13.82
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$547.35	\$540.29	\$551.26	41.0	40.2	42.8	\$13.35	\$13.44	\$12.88

## ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

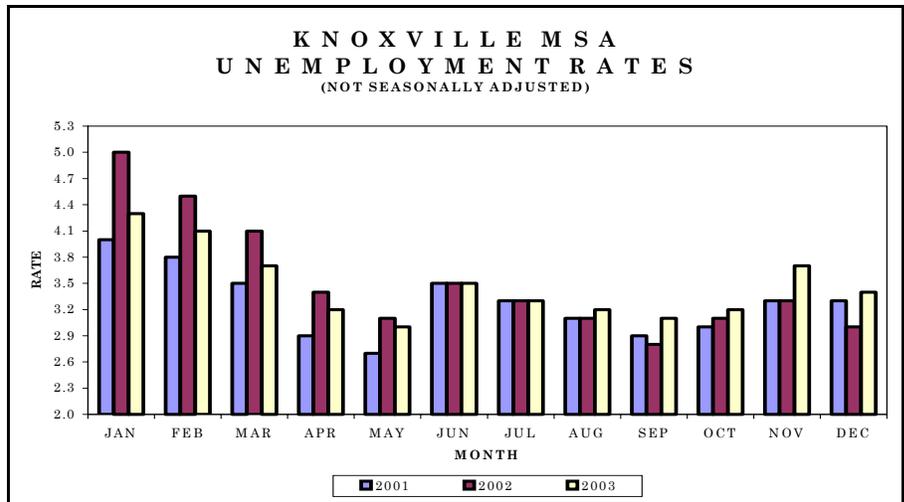
Industry	December 2002	Revised November 2003	Preliminary December 2003	Net Change	
				Dec. 2002 - Dec. 2003	Nov. 2003 - Dec. 2003
Total Nonfarm	198.3	197.7	197.6	-0.7	-0.1
Total Private	166.8	166.2	166.1	-0.7	-0.1
Goods-Producing	51.6	49.7	49.5	-2.1	-0.2
Natural Resources & Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	10.5	10.4	10.3	-0.2	-0.1
Manufacturing	40.9	39.1	39.0	-1.9	-0.1
Durable Goods Manufacturing	21.8	21.0	21.0	-0.8	0.0
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	19.1	18.1	18.0	-1.1	-0.1
Service-Providing	146.7	148.0	148.1	1.4	0.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	37.4	38.1	38.3	0.9	0.2
Wholesale Trade	7.4	7.5	7.5	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	24.1	24.7	24.9	0.8	0.2
Food & Beverage Stores	4.5	4.3	4.3	-0.2	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	5.9	6.6	6.7	0.8	0.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.9	5.9	5.9	0.0	0.0
Information	3.7	3.5	3.5	-0.2	0.0
Financial Activities	8.1	8.2	8.2	0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	15.4	15.6	15.5	0.1	-0.1
Educational & Health Services	25.7	26.3	26.3	0.6	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	17.4	17.5	17.5	0.1	0.0
Food Services & Drinking Places	14.8	14.8	14.9	0.1	0.1
Other Services	7.5	7.3	7.3	-0.2	0.0
Government	31.5	31.5	31.5	0.0	0.0
Federal Government	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0
State & Local Government	28.1	28.1	28.1	0.0	0.0
State Government	8.0	8.2	8.1	0.1	-0.1
Local Government	20.1	19.9	20.0	-0.1	0.1



# Knoxville MSA - Anderson, Blount, Knox, Loudon, Sevier, Union

Total nonfarm employment decreased by 1,200 jobs from November to December. There were seasonal declines in accommodation/food services (down 1,200 jobs), which includes a decline of 200 jobs in food services/drinking places; transportation/warehousing/utilities (down 300 jobs) and construction (down 200 jobs). This was partially offset by an increase of 400 jobs in retail trade, which included an increase of 200 jobs in general merchandise stores and an increase of 200 jobs in both education/health services and administrative/support/waste management.

During the past 12 months, nonfarm employment increased by 1,500 jobs, with goods-producing industries decreasing by 1,000 jobs and service-providing industries increasing by 2,500 jobs.



## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS KNOXVILLE MSA

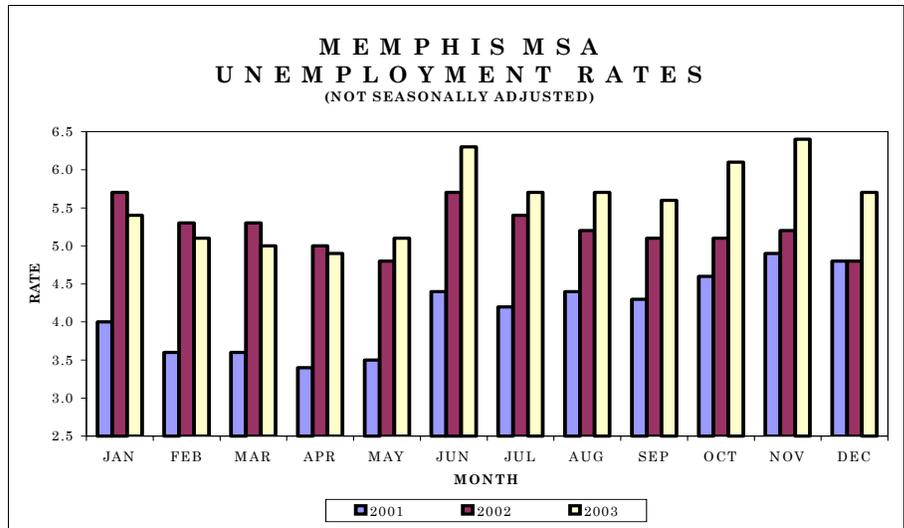
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
Manufacturing	\$568.82	\$554.13	\$546.67	41.1	40.3	39.7	\$13.84	\$13.75	\$13.77
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$586.08	\$578.08	\$576.03	40.7	40.2	39.4	\$14.40	\$14.38	\$14.62
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$534.64	\$510.75	\$491.66	41.9	40.6	40.3	\$12.76	\$12.58	\$12.20

## ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	December 2002	Revised November 2003	Preliminary December 2003	Net Change	
				Dec. 2002 - Dec. 2003	Nov. 2003 - Dec. 2003
Total Nonfarm	348.8	351.5	350.3	1.5	-1.2
Total Private	289.3	293.0	291.7	2.4	-1.3
Goods-Producing	59.2	58.7	58.2	-1.0	-0.5
Natural Resources & Mining	0.6	0.6	0.5	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	16.4	16.5	16.3	-0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	42.2	41.6	41.4	-0.8	-0.2
Durable Goods Manufacturing	29.7	29.4	29.2	-0.5	-0.2
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	8.3	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	9.5	9.6	9.6	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	12.5	12.2	12.2	-0.3	0.0
Service-Providing	289.6	292.8	292.1	2.5	-0.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	74.2	75.6	75.6	1.4	0.0
Wholesale Trade	14.2	14.4	14.3	0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	49.0	49.6	50.0	1.0	0.4
Food & Beverage Stores	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	11.1	11.1	11.3	0.2	0.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	11.0	11.6	11.3	0.3	-0.3
Information	5.9	5.8	5.8	-0.1	0.0
Financial Activities	16.3	17.0	17.1	0.8	0.1
Professional & Business Services	40.6	41.1	41.0	0.4	-0.1
Administrative, Support, & Waste Management	20.9	20.5	20.7	-0.2	0.2
Educational & Health Services	36.2	36.3	36.5	0.3	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	42.9	44.1	43.0	0.1	-1.1
Accommodation & Food Services	37.4	39.4	38.2	0.8	-1.2
Food Services & Drinking Places	31.6	32.1	31.9	0.3	-0.2
Other Services	14.0	14.4	14.5	0.5	0.1
Government	59.5	58.5	58.6	-0.9	0.1
Federal Government	6.0	5.5	5.6	-0.4	0.1
State & Local Government	53.5	53.0	53.0	-0.5	0.0
State Government	21.0	20.4	20.3	-0.7	-0.1
Local Government	32.5	32.6	32.7	0.2	0.1

# Memphis MSA— TN-Fayette, Shelby, Tipton. MS-DeSoto. AR-Crittenden.

Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 400 jobs from November to December. There were seasonal decreases in local government (down 1,000 jobs) and 200 jobs in construction, state government, and truck transportation. This was partially offset by increases in retail trade (up 1,000 jobs), which includes an increase of 200 jobs in general merchandise stores; hospitals (up 300 jobs); and professional/business services (up 200 jobs).



## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

## MEMPHIS MSA

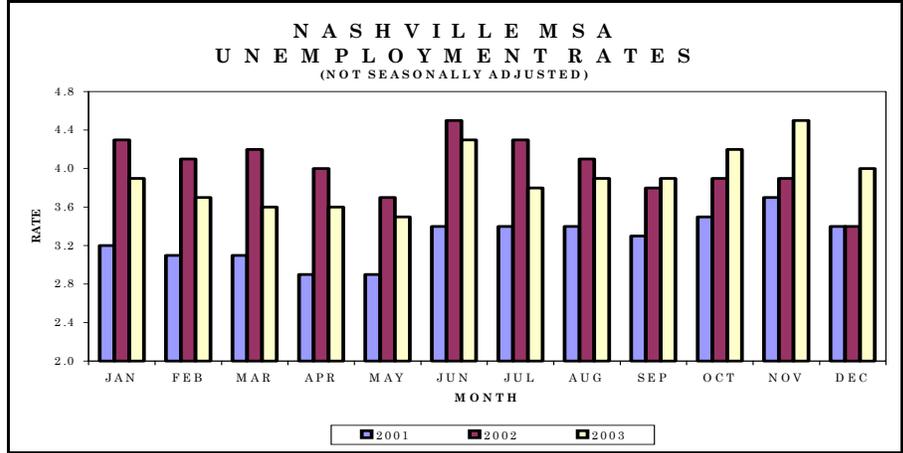
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
Manufacturing	\$594.79	\$638.01	\$626.93	40.6	41.7	41.3	\$14.65	\$15.30	\$15.18
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$499.48	\$550.68	\$541.06	38.9	39.0	38.4	\$12.84	\$14.12	\$14.09
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$672.42	\$707.67	\$694.11	42.0	43.9	43.6	\$16.01	\$16.12	\$15.92

## ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	December 2002	Revised November 2003	Preliminary December 2003	Net Change	
				Dec. 2002 - Dec. 2003	Nov. 2003 - Dec. 2003
Total Nonfarm	583.1	583.1	582.7	-0.4	-0.4
Total Private	497.1	496.7	497.4	0.3	0.7
Goods-Producing	74.2	74.9	74.5	0.3	-0.4
Natural Resources & Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	23.8	24.5	24.3	0.5	-0.2
Manufacturing	50.3	50.3	50.1	-0.2	-0.2
Durable Goods Manufacturing	22.0	22.1	22.3	0.3	0.2
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	28.3	28.2	27.8	-0.5	-0.4
Service-Providing	508.9	508.2	508.2	-0.7	0.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	167.9	164.6	165.5	-2.4	0.9
Wholesale Trade	35.7	35.6	35.6	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	71.1	69.5	70.5	-0.6	1.0
Food & Beverage Stores	10.4	10.3	10.4	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	17.5	16.5	16.7	-0.8	0.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	61.1	59.5	59.4	-1.7	-0.1
Truck Transportation	14.6	13.9	13.7	-0.9	-0.2
Warehousing & Storage	4.9	6.0	6.0	1.1	0.0
Information	9.4	9.3	9.2	-0.2	-0.1
Financial Activities	31.7	31.5	31.5	-0.2	0.0
Professional & Business Services	73.8	73.7	73.9	0.1	0.2
Administrative, Support, & Waste Management	51.4	51.7	51.8	0.4	0.1
Educational & Health Services	67.2	69.4	69.7	2.5	0.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	59.1	60.6	60.9	1.8	0.3
Hospitals	22.9	23.6	23.9	1.0	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	50.0	50.3	50.2	0.2	-0.1
Food Services & Drinking Places	36.8	38.2	38.3	1.5	0.1
Other Services	22.9	23.0	22.9	0.0	-0.1
Government	86.0	86.4	85.3	-0.7	-1.1
Federal Government	17.1	16.5	16.6	-0.5	0.1
State & Local Government	68.9	69.9	68.7	-0.2	-1.2
State Government	16.3	16.1	15.9	-0.4	-0.2
Local Government	52.6	53.8	52.8	0.2	-1.0



Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 600 jobs from November to December. There were seasonal decreases in professional/ business services (down 1,100 jobs), which includes a decline of 900 jobs in administrative/ support/ waste management; a drop of 300 jobs in leisure/hospitality, other services and computer/ electronic product manufacturing. There was also a drop of 200 jobs in construction and wholesale trade. This was partially offset by increases in retail trade (up 800 jobs), which includes an increase of 500 jobs in food/beverage stores; and educational/health services (up 500 jobs), which includes an increase of 400 jobs in health care/social assistance.



**HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS NASHVILLE MSA**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2002	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003
Manufacturing	\$528.43	\$585.68	\$562.87	38.6	39.6	38.5	\$13.69	\$14.79	\$14.62
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$530.63	\$613.72	\$576.44	37.5	39.8	38.2	\$14.15	\$15.42	\$15.09
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$522.38	\$525.83	\$533.12	41.1	39.3	39.2	\$12.71	\$13.38	\$13.60

**ESTIMATED NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)**

Industry	December 2002	Revised November 2003	Preliminary December 2003	Net Change	
				Dec. 2002 - Dec. 2003	Nov. 2003 - Dec. 2003
Total Nonfarm	681.0	683.6	683.0	2.0	-0.6
Total Private	590.6	592.1	591.2	0.6	-0.9
Goods-Producing	109.9	109.2	108.7	-1.2	-0.5
Natural Resources & Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Construction	31.4	31.2	31.0	-0.4	-0.2
Manufacturing	78.1	77.6	77.3	-0.8	-0.3
Durable Goods Manufacturing	53.0	52.8	52.5	-0.5	-0.3
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	5.2	5.5	5.2	0.0	-0.3
Electrical Equipment & Appliance Manufacturing	5.9	5.7	5.8	-0.1	0.1
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	17.0	17.2	17.3	0.3	0.1
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	25.1	24.8	24.8	-0.3	0.0
Service-Providing	571.1	574.4	574.3	3.2	-0.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	135.3	130.8	131.4	-3.9	0.6
Wholesale Trade	31.8	30.3	30.1	-1.7	-0.2
Retail Trade	79.2	77.2	78.0	-1.2	0.8
Food & Beverage Stores	11.2	11.4	11.9	0.7	0.5
General Merchandise Stores	17.9	18.4	18.3	0.4	-0.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	24.3	23.3	23.3	-1.0	0.0
Information	22.4	22.2	22.3	-0.1	0.1
Financial Activities	42.7	42.1	42.2	-0.5	0.1
Professional & Business Services	94.1	96.5	95.4	1.3	-1.1
Administrative, Support, & Waste Management	56.8	58.1	57.2	0.4	-0.9
Educational & Health Services	89.7	92.4	92.9	3.2	0.5
Educational Services	18.8	19.6	19.7	0.9	0.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	70.9	72.8	73.2	2.3	0.4
Hospitals	26.4	27.1	27.3	0.9	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	67.9	69.0	68.7	0.8	-0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	59.8	60.3	60.2	0.4	-0.1
Accommodation	11.9	12.0	12.0	0.1	0.0
Food Services & Drinking Places	48.0	48.3	48.2	0.2	-0.1
Other Services	28.6	29.9	29.6	1.0	-0.3
Government	90.4	91.5	91.8	1.4	0.3
Federal Government	11.2	11.4	11.5	0.3	0.1
State & Local Government	79.2	80.1	80.3	1.1	0.2
State Government	27.8	28.5	28.6	0.8	0.1
Local Government	51.4	51.6	51.7	0.3	0.1

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## U.S. Consumer Price Index December 2003

Group	All urban consumers			Wage earners & clerical workers		
	Index	Percent change		Index	Percent change	
		Dec 2002 Dec 2003	Nov 2003 Dec 2003		Dec 2002 Dec 2003	Nov 2003 Dec 2003
<b>U.S. City Average</b>						
All items (1982-84=100)	184.3	1.9	-0.1	179.9	1.6	-0.2
All items (1967=100)	552.1	-	-	536.0	-	-
Food and beverages	184.1	3.5	0.7	183.6	3.7	0.7
Housing	185.1	2.2	0.0	181.0	2.3	0.1
Shelter	214.1	2.2	0.0	208.2	2.1	0.0
Rent of primary residence	207.9	2.7	0.2	207.0	2.5	0.2
Apparel	119.0	-2.1	-3.3	118.7	-1.8	-3.2
Transportation	154.7	0.3	-0.6	152.5	-0.3	-0.7
Medical care	302.1	3.7	0.4	301.4	3.7	0.4
Recreation 1/	107.7	1.1	-0.1	105.5	0.8	-0.1
Education & communication 1/	110.9	1.6	0.1	109.7	0.8	0.1
Other goods and services	300.2	1.5	0.1	308.1	1.0	0.1
<b>South Region</b>						
All items (1982-84=100)	177.5	1.7	0.0	174.2	1.3	-0.1
All items (Dec 1977=100)	287.9	-	-	282.1	-	-
Food and beverages	181.3	3.6	0.7	180.4	3.7	0.7
Housing	169.7	2.2	0.0	168.0	2.3	-0.1
Apparel	131.5	-3.2	-2.7	131.7	-2.3	-2.6
Transportation	151.5	-0.1	-0.3	148.4	-1.3	-0.4
Medical care	293.7	3.6	0.2	294.8	3.6	0.1
Recreation 1/	107.9	1.0	0.0	105.7	0.6	0.0
Education & communication 1/	109.2	0.4	0.2	107.3	-0.6	0.2
Other goods and services	288.5	0.9	0.3	293.6	0.3	0.3

Group	All urban consumers			Wage earners & clerical workers		
	Index	Percent change		Index	Percent change	
		Dec 2002 Dec 2003	Nov 2003 Dec 2003		Dec 2002 Dec 2003	Nov 2003 Dec 2003
<b>Atlanta</b>						
All items (1982-84=100)	179	1	-0.6	176.6	1.1	-0.6
All items (1967=100)	539.8	-	-	533.9	-	-
Food and beverages	191.8	5.4	1.6	189.4	5.3	1.6
Housing	178.7	0.7	-0.8	176.4	0.6	-0.8
Apparel	112.9	-7.7	-8.5	112.1	-5.1	-9.7
Transportation	142.2	1.7	-0.8	139.3	1.8	-0.9
Medical care	313.1	1.5	0.3	308.1	1.3	0.2
Recreation 1/	105.9	-1.3	-0.1	101.6	-1.4	-0.3
Education & communication 1/	103.8	-4.6	-0.3	101.7	-5.9	-0.2
Other goods and services	278.7	2.4	-0.4	304.1	2.7	-0.4
<b>Miami-Fort Lauderdale</b>						
All items (1982-84=100)	181.6	2.1	0	178.9	2.1	-0.1
All items (Nov 1977=100)	292.6	-	-	290.6	-	-
Food and beverages	191	3.4	0.3	190.2	3.6	0.4
Housing	175.3	3	0.6	174	3.1	0.6
Apparel	141.3	-9	-1.3	152.1	-8.1	-1.6
Transportation	161.3	0.8	-1.3	158.1	0.3	-1.7
Medical care	288.4	6.7	-1	291.1	7.7	-1.1
Recreation 1/	109.5	1.1	0.1	107.3	0.9	0.1
Education & communication 1/	108.4	1.4	-0.1	108.9	1.2	-0.2
Other goods and services	242.8	1.5	0.9	234.5	1.1	0.9
1/ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base. - Data not available.						